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Thanks

... To those who are making very genuine efforts to make our carpark safer ..
& especially those with older children who are delaying pickup until 3:15pm.

... To those who supported our students at this week's Zone Athletics Event.

... To those gearing up for next week's camp.

... To Mike Sinclair for donating his BBQ to the school.

People of the week

... Niko Robertson who represents Matarau School this weekend at a trampoline competition at North Shore Events Stadium. Well done and best wishes Niko!

... Kanye for handing in a wallet at Poroti. Thanks for your honesty.

Term Calendar ... More to follow as dates come to hand!

15-18 Nov. Year 3 and 4 Camp at Marsden Bay

21 November Due date for Art Scholarship portfolios

22 November Year 7 & 8 Interschool Athletics

29 November Years 4-6 Interschool Athletics

6 December School Athletics Day

9 December Reports issued

12 December School Prizegiving (pp 13/12)

15 December Final day of 2016 school year (1st Feb first day of 2017)

SCHOOL DROP OFF ZONES - Reminder!!

Please adhere to the rules

... prompt drop off

... stay clear of neighbouring driveways &
Carpark entry points

... stay clear of the yellow lines.



Looking to 2017

In order for us to plan for 2017 it is important for us to know which children will or will **not** be at Matarau School next year. So .. if you know that your child will not be at Matarau School in 2017 (and you have not already done so) can you please advise Helen next week by phone, answerphone or email (messages via teachers or students don't count). This will assist us greatly in our planning. Thank you!

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Reminders

- ... Please get school prizegiving cups & trophies back to school asap. Thanks
- ... If we can help with Art Scholarships please let us know. These are due 21 November
- ... Please keep working on the RESPECT virtue at home.
- ... Please ensure that children are not dropped at school before 8:00 am
- ... Cambridge data is available from Mrs Donaldson on request kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz ... also non-Cambridge data for the same group. Data shows pleasing progress for this cohort of children this year.

Parent Helpers' Morning Tea

Parents who have assisted the school in any way whatsoever this year are invited to a Parent Helpers' Morning Tea in the school hall starting 10:30 am Thursday 8 December.

This is our chance to say thank you for the contributions you have made to the school over 2016. So .. whether you have helped in classrooms, the library, camps, day trips,.. whatever .. please join us if you can.

If you think you will be at this morning tea can you please advise Helen next week to assist us with catering.

School Contributions

Those who have opted for quarterly payment of their school contribution, or who have outstanding contributions, received a payment request this week. The school contribution is voluntary but enables the school to purchase resources and services which are simply not covered by government funding, and which add significant value to your child's school experience (e.g. additional library books, lower class numbers, learning support, special purpose educational software etc). The board strongly encourages parents to pay their contribution out of fairness to other parents.

Camp, Tech & EOTC Fees

Please get these payments to school as soon as possible, or contact Kevin to discuss alternative payment arrangements. We understand that finances can become a little stretched at times and we are willing to customise payment arrangements to suit.

Spelling Bee

Coming up soon. Please encourage your child to participate in class rounds if they are a strong speller. We will keep you posted. Junior bee will take place 2:00pm in the school library.

Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics Competition

Children who have qualified for this event based on performances at the zone event at Poroti will receive consent forms next week. Any questions please to Mrs Donaldson or Mrs Sinclair. More to follow.

Home Gardens

We have decided to extend the seedling swap until next Thursday. Seedlings can be brought in at anytime during next week and Mrs Burgin will look after them in her room.

Please remember to return your judges information sheet to school ASAP

If your child(ren) are no longer able to participate in the Home Gardens, please email Mrs Burgin on rburgin@matarau.school.nz to confirm. Happy Gardening ... Mrs Burgin, Mrs Blundell and Miss Gentil

Prizegiving Cups & Trophies

Please return all cups and trophies won at last year's prizegiving urgently now. There is no need to polish them.

Y3 & Y4 Camp - 15-18 November

4 Sleeps to go! Payment is now overdue, if you haven't already you can please pay at the office or by direct credit to our school bank account. The cost is \$41 for the Y3 sleepover & \$137 for the Y4 camp. Any questions in the run up to Mr Johnson or Mrs Baker please.

BMX Club Challenge

This is a School Challenge starting at 9am on Sunday 13th November at the BMX track - entry via the old landfill site. Any push bike in good condition can be used so long as it has working brakes. All bikes must have a number plate attached. Late entries can be made, see Kathryn Darroch at the track on Sunday. More details on whangareibmxclub@gmail.com.

Cambridge Pathways ... important message for parents of year 6 and 7 students

We will shortly be making decisions on optimal Cambridge pathways for 2017 (see our website - Cambridge tab - for background details on pathways). As advised earlier, the Cambridge programme is highly flexible. There is plenty of scope to modify the programme to cater for different learning abilities, learning styles, personal circumstances etc. In short, there will not be a one size fits all approach and programmes will contain non-Cambridge material also. We are currently gathering the data necessary to make good pathway decisions and are keen for parents to have input into this process where they feel they would like to. We will have pathway recommendations ready by Monday 14 November, and **interested parents are invited to make an appointment with Mrs Donaldson on 18 or 25 November (both Fridays) or at other times by arrangement with Mrs Donaldson.**

Finally

Why didn't the skeleton cross the road? ... Because he is dead From Kade and Riley P Room 7

Regards ... *nga mihi*

Kevin Trehwella
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Our Sponsors support
your children, please
support them



Community Notices

Wanted to Rent: 2 - 3 bedroom home

I have recently started working on a dairy farm down Finlayson Road. My wife and I have two young children. Please let me know if you have a place to rent in the area. I can provide references. Thank you. Mat Cook, Phone: 020 4106 6866 - email: matyjay01@gmail.com

HELP SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE COASTLINES MOBILE PHONE APPEAL IN OUR SCHOOL It would be great if you could rummage around in your drawers and toy boxes and bring into School any unwanted mobile phones you may have. Phones collected help our environment by keeping our landfills free of mobile phones and their array of hazardous toxic substances. Please drop any unwanted mobile phones you may have in the collection box in the school office.

Kamo Swimming Club – 2016/17 Season - Stroke Improvement lessons for children who can swim 10m in basic strokes without stopping. Held at Kamo High School Pool, Wilkinson Ave Kamo from Monday 7 November at 4.30pm and thereafter Mondays & Fridays. Club nights also held regularly. Cost per swimmer only \$85 for the season – very reasonable cost to ensure your child is swim safe and competent. Contact Karena Nisbet – 027 470 7955.

Tanekaha Toxin Operation From 1st November there will be a baiting operation in the Tanekaha area – end of Jordan Valley Road where it meets Hukerenui Road & Heaton Road in a loop back to Jordan Valley Road. The toxic bait will be laid from the 15th November & will remain for 3-4 weeks and then removed. Please be aware of this if in the area with animals or children.

Ruatangata Summer Market. Taking place this Saturday at the Ruatangata Hall, 1180 Pipiwai Rd, from 8am to 11am. A fun event that's suitable for the whole family.

Public Health Nurse Message

Changes to the year 8 HPV vaccination schedule in 2017, will now include boys. The vaccine has been improved and now only 2 vaccinations are required. There will be more information available over the coming weeks if you wish to know more please contact your Public Health Nurse 0800 223 358 option # 2

FARMLANDS PET DAY BOOKLETS - cutoff for the booklets into store has been extended until 30th November. Please ask the children to get them into us so that we can judge them and present prizes to them...we have plenty to give out. Thank you to those that have already brought the booklets into the store.. they look great!



School Lunches

Mondays - \$3.00 : Baked Beans or Spaghetti served with toast & a juice, or Chicken or Beef Cup of Noodles & a juice. Order at the office by morning tea on Monday.

Wednesdays - \$1.50 : for Sausage (meat or vegetarian option) in bread with sauce. Order on Wednesday mornings through the classroom teacher.

Fridays - \$4.00 : Hot Mince Pie, Jumbo Sausage Roll or Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar), butter chicken or mince & cheese wrap and a Fruit Drink. You can swap the fruit drink for a flavoured milk for \$5.00. *Order by Wednesday at the office, to receive Friday.*

Our Golden Librarians presented with
their certificates by Mayor Sheryl Mai this week.
Shiprah, Brendan & Amia

